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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS HEDGES ON ACCUSATIONS RE U.S. COMPLICITY  
IN BANGLADESH COUP

REF: NEW DELHI 11419

1. THE STATEMENT BY THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL SECRETARIAT  
MENTIONED IN REFTEL IS NOT INCLUDED IN PRAVDA OR IZVESTIYA  
REPORTS WE HAVE SEEN, BUT IS CARRIED ON PAGE ONE OF KRASNAYA  
ZVEZDA, THE VOICE OF THE DEFMIN, AUGUST 22. IN THIS VERSION,  
"REACTIONARY FORCES" OPPOSED TO BANGLADESH'S "POLICY OF  
FRIENDSHIP WITH INDIA, THE SOVIET UNION, AND OTHER SOCIALIST  
AND NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES" WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AUGUST 15  
COUP. THE ARTICLE STATES FURTHER THAT "PROGRESSIVE AND  
DEMOCRATIC FORCES OF BANGLADESH DESERVE THE SUPPORT OF ALL  
PEACE AND FREEDOM LOVING PEOPLES OF THE WORLD." NO  
SPECIFIC MENTION IS MADE OF THE UNITED STATES OR CIA  
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PARTICIPATION IN THESE EVENTS.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF KRASNAYA ZVEZDA READERS THE UNITED STATES (AND CERTAINLY THE CIA) BELONG TO THE "REACTIONARY FORCES" CLUB, THE ABSENCE OF DELIBERATE FINGER-POINTING DOES MAKE THE PRESS COVERAGE OF THE COUP A BIT LESS NASTY THAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED. THE TEMPERANCE DISPLAYED BY PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA IS CONSISTENT WITH THE RELATIVE MODERATION OF ANTI-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA IN THE SOVIET PRESS OF LATE. IN THIS INSTANCE, MOSCOW IS PROBABLY CONTENT TO LET ITS SUBCONTINENT SURROGATES LAUNCH THE ANTI-U.S. BARBS, THEREBY AVOIDING DIRECT IDENTIFICATION WITH THIS PARTICULAR PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN.  
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